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**Ready to run**  
New PT uniform arrives at Incirlik



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## On the cover:

**Hayri Korukoglu, Military Clothing sales Store manager, checks the inventory of the new Air Force physical training uniform. The new uniform is available for Incirlik community members to purchase. There is no mandatory wear date for the uniforms yet, but there are regulations governing wear. See related article Page 5. (Photo by Senior Airman Jessica Switzer)**

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# Independence Day: America's celebration of freedom

**By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong**  
 Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** – For the past 229 years, Americans have commemorated the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This document, signed by our great country's forefathers, conceived a new nation and put into writing the democratic freedoms and inalienable rights we so cherish today.

Since its conception, the principles of the Declaration of Independence — Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness — have been a bedrock of inspiration. Our belief in the vision it established unites us as Americans and as those in service to our nation.

From the Revolutionary War to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, Americans have sacrificed their sons and daughters for our coveted virtues of

freedom, democracy and equality. Bringing their courage to the fight, many of these young men and women have paid the ultimate price for the liberties we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this 4th of July with family and friends, let us remember our brothers and sisters in arms who are deployed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan ensuring our freedoms at home and around the world.

In addition, as you enjoy the traditional picnics and barbecues, also reflect on Old Glory and everything she represents. Every day our flag flies high as a symbol of peace and freedom; as America's military we're tasked with preserving these cherished rights.

Thanks for all the great work you do for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the United States of America and the world!

## Two USAFE bases receive top honors in 2005 Base Appearance Competition

**Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell**  
 USAFE News Service

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** – Taking pride in appearance has paid off for two U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases with the recent announcement that Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was chosen as the command's overall Base Appearance Competition winner in the large base category, and Royal Air Force Alconbury, England, took first place honors in the small base category.

Both bases also won top honors for their self-help programs.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, made the well-received announcement here June 24 during an impromptu commander's call with the key leadership from the 435th Air Base Wing, 86th Airlift Wing and 38th Combat Support Wing; and June 25 with leadership from the 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury.

"Twenty-two months ago, Chief Coleman and I were standing in this same spot intro-

ducing ourselves and sharing our vision for some of our Combat and Special Interest Programs, one of those being Combat Proud," said General Foglesong, during the presentation here. "We're standing here again today to let you know that the interior and exterior of the facilities here at Ramstein look better now than they have in over 10 years, and I blame each one of you for that."

During the RAF Alconbury presentation, the general lauded base members for their two-time win.

"I couldn't be more pleased that I'm able to present this award to the great people of RAF Alconbury again," said General Foglesong. "It's obvious that everyone here, starting with Airman Foglesong and going right up the ranks, has had a hand in base and facility improvements here — the resulting appearance of this base shows the true reflection of the great men and women who work here and the pride they take in their

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# Financial success possible for all Airmen and families

**By Maj. Jeffrey Bell**  
39th Comptroller Squadron

The other day I was talking to my 12-year-old daughter about the value of saving money.

It seems like anytime she gets a job babysitting or watching someone's dog or cat the first thing she wants to do with her paycheck is go to the base exchange and buy the latest clothing fads or the hottest CD.

I spent hours explaining to her that she has an opportunity to put some of her hard-earned money away for a "rainy day," or for future plans such as a car when she turns 16, or even for retirement since she has made it clear she doesn't want to work her entire adult life. One thing I have learned is that life produces great joy, but it can also be filled with unforeseen problems or challenges.

These challenges may be from having to unexpectedly buy new tires for a car to replacing an old air conditioning unit on a house. However catastrophic the event though, if you have money set aside for those rainy days it will be easier to meet those needs.

Additionally, money set aside may be used for numerous events like funding college tuition, buying new furniture and clothes for a child or buying your first home.

However, none of these objectives can be achieved if you do not start saving. Starting to save and invest now is the only way to get on track.

For people in the military it is especially important to begin saving. Whether you have been on active duty for 20 months or 20 years it is never too late to start saving and investing in your future.

Most financial classes show you how a dollar today is not the same as a dollar tomorrow through the power of compounding. All it takes is a few dollars set aside each paycheck in order for it to grow into a fortune in 40 or 50 years. We have a greater opportunity here at Incirlik to save for the future since we receive benefits, tax free paychecks and are provided an extra bonus through the Savings Deposit Plan with a guaranteed return of 10 percent. However these are just opportunities, if you do not take advantage of them and start taking care of your future now!

In taking that first step there are numerous how-to books that develop a plan for future financial success. Many of them are in the base library.

Besides reading there are also several financial courses that are taught on the base. Family services provides a basic budgeting course and the chapel provides a 13-week Financial Peace course that shows you how to get out of debt and accumulate wealth.

One way I stay motivated to save and in general is by remembering it is my responsibility to take care of things that are important in life. An old saying that also applies is, "If it is to be, it is up to me."

So take charge of your financial success and get started today. You hold the key!

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



**By Col. Michael Gardiner,**  
*39th Air Base Wing commander*

I'm proud of what Team Incirlik has accomplished, and confident that you'll accomplish great things in the future. You are making significant contributions every day to the Global War on Terrorism and the defense of our nation. Sandy and I are going to miss the incredible sense of community here at Incirlik and the friends we have made, but in this great Air Force family it is quite likely that we will see many of you again. Until then, I hope you all continue to work hard and excel no matter where you are or who you work for.

don't draw attention to that fact by wearing a cowboy hat and your squadron T-shirt. Be courteous to our hosts, we are guests in their country and we want to keep good relations with them. If you choose to drink alcoholic beverages be responsible, take a wingman and watch out for other people around you. Don't overindulge; especially in public places ... it makes you both a safety risk and a tempting target.

## Farewell to Incirlik

The last 15 months have been filled with a number of historical moments. During my command, Incirlik has transitioned from a group to a wing, it experienced its first Unit Compliance and Surety Inspections as an air base wing, and the base celebrated its 50th anniversary.

When I arrived here I promised you I wouldn't aim low and the people of Incirlik have certainly exceeded my expectations.

## Independence Day safety

The last thing I want to see as I end my time as your commander is a safety mishap, or worse yet, a tragedy. The long Independence Day has already begun, and I want to remind you all to be safe in your weekend plans. Apply risk management to everything you do, whether it's driving to the Shoppette or driving to Alanya. If you travel, remember your force protection training. You may be easily recognizable as an American, but

## Personal responsibility

There have been safety briefings leading up to this long weekend and we have all been briefed time and again on operational risk management and watching out for others but it is also important to remember that ultimately, safety comes down to the individual. Each of us is responsible for our own actions. If we all just think before we act it shouldn't be hard to do the right thing. Apply that mindset all the time, on and off the job, and you'll be better Airmen. Thanks for everything you've done to make this a better base, and a better Air Force.



Hidden Heroes is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program that recognizes people and programs that make a difference to the base

and community. The program's goal is to increase volunteerism throughout Incirlik and USAFE. To volunteer, call the family support center at 6-6755.



# Thank you

## Two simple words go a long way

By Lt. Col. Frank Van Horn  
86th Flying Training Squadron

**LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Many of us are familiar with the book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. The theme centers around basic lessons we should have learned as children on how to interact with one another.

I am convinced that if any of us read Fulghum's book, we would nod our heads in agreement with just about everything he has to say in there. How could you not; they are the basic lessons your parents taught you.

One of the cornerstones of instruction and learning is the value of repetition. We can learn our multiplication tables, but without constant practice, the lesson is only short term and after a short period of time we forget.

I am convinced the principle of repetition is just as important in our interaction skills with others. If we don't practice the skills our parents taught us, we end up forgetting those lessons. If we are lucky, we will be presented with an opportunity to relearn some of the important lessons we may have forgotten.

I had such an opportunity recently, and my "instructor" was a senior airman who helped me "relearn" one of those valuable lessons we originally learned in kindergarten.

The "classroom" where this lesson occurred was my office. Under mounting piles of e-mails, OPRs, course critiques, and a frustrating meeting schedule, I was not in a particularly good mood.

As I was sorting through the piles on my desk I ran across a brightly colored envelope

addressed simply to "Lt. Col. Van Horn". I opened it up and inside was a thank you note from one of our fantastic airmen who I had just flown recently on an incentive flight in a T-1 Jayhawk.

Her simple words of thanks for showing her what we did in the 86th brought a smile to my face that had been missing all day long. The impact was immediate. My focus returned.

I remembered the most important asset in any endeavor is people. I instantly understood the power of those two simple words.

The piles of paperwork shrank in importance and I remembered my primary job was to motivate and guide the airmen in my unit towards accomplishing our mission. And finally, I "remembered" that some of the best motivational tools ever made were the two simple words "thank you".

I left the office and went out into the flight rooms where our mission happens everyday. I took the time to thank the instructor pilots for their long hours and extra efforts. I took the time to congratulate some students on recent check ride successes. That is when I remembered another lesson I learned long ago, a positive attitude is contagious. A simple thank you from a senior airman had immeasurable impact on the morale of my squadron that day.

So when you find yourself feeling down or have had a tough day, remember that some of our most powerful motivational tools are the simplest and they don't cost a thing.

So be liberal with your praise and thanks — it doesn't cost you a thing and their positive impact is truly immeasurable.



Extreme Summer is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program that gives out points and prizes for using base facilities and programs.

Play to win prizes, trips, cars and

more. Visit any services facility to register or log on to [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com).

It only takes 300 points to qualify for a chance to win one of the monthly prize drawings for a trip to the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany.

The Community Center is the Extreme Summer Headquarters here.

For more information, call 6-6966 or visit [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com).

## YOUR TURN

**This Fourth of July the United States celebrates 229 years of independence. What does freedom mean to you?**

"The choice to live my life the way I want to."

— **Kerry Bringman**,  
39th Medical Squadron



"The ability to worship as we want, live our lives as we desire and to represent ourselves in the government through our elected officials."

— **Tech. Sgt. John Casterline**, 39th Air Base Wing Chaplain's Office



"It means so many things ... it means the men and women who have given their lives have given us the opportunity to live our lives the way we want."

— **Melvin Moore**, 39th MDS



"It means this is what we are here doing and it means if you have to be far away from your home, it's worth it."

— **Staff Sgt. Jason Rodgers**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



"Freedom just means to get up and do whatever you want whenever you want."

— **Thomas Evans**, 39th MDS



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

# New Air Force PT gear is still a uniform

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Incirlik Airmen can begin to purchase and wear the new Air Force physical training uniform now.

The new uniform, made up of a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a two-piece running suit, may be worn off the shelf and runs about \$125 for the entire uniform, according to an Air Force Print News article.

“Overall I like the color combination that was chosen – dark blue shorts and light gray shirts,” said Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander. “On a bigger level, I like the unity and cohesiveness the PT uniform will give us when we do unit PT. I think units will look sharp when they’re all in the gear together.”

Looking sharp isn’t the only benefit to the new uniform.

“I like the shorts. I like that they’re lightweight, with the two hidden pockets and they have built in reflective material,” Major Airola-Skully said. “I think having a PT uniform fits perfectly with the culture of physical fitness the Air Force is building. It’s a logical step in the development of the Air Force PT program

and I think it adds a new dimension to unit PT.”

There are several things to remember when exercising in the new PT uniform, first of all that it is a uniform and as such there are guidelines to behavior and appearance when wearing it.

According to the PT uniform wear guidance handed down from Air Force Personnel Center headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, while there is no mandatory wear date at this point in time general guidelines have been set up.

- ♦ The T-shirt must be tucked into the shorts or pants.
- ♦ The jacket, when worn has to be zipped at least half way up and the hood must be stored and zipped when not worn.
- ♦ The pant legs of the running suit have to be zipped.
- ♦ Spandex shorts or leggings in navy blue or black can be worn under the PT uniform shorts.
- ♦ White socks are required and may have a small, conservative logo.
- ♦ Shoes must be a conservative color.
- ♦ Hair must be neat and not allowed to hang loose below the collar.



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

(Right to left) Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the wear-test phase.

The new uniform may be purchased at military clothing sales. For more information, call clothing sales at 6-3234.

## Air Force transformation in Europe aiding terror war

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — The transformation taking place throughout the Defense Department started early for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, which began reshaping and repositioning its assets 15 years ago and is now better prepared to support the war on terrorism, the command’s top officer said June 23.

Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong said USAFE began returning much of its force structure to the United States after the Cold War ended, and it became evident that the United States no longer had to prepare to face off against the Soviet Union at the Fulda Gap, a heavily defended corridor separating former West Germany and East Germany.

The command’s leaders recognized that USAFE’s long-standing mission was changing, and that “we were going to be in the enabling business as much as we were going to be in the kinetic warfighting business,” General Foglesong said.

In response, the command’s leaders began a series of sweeping changes. USAFE cut its fighter aircraft fleet from more than 700 in the 1990s to fewer than 200 today, converting some wings to suit the support missions they were being tasked to carry out. USAFE also introduced refueling and airlift wings.

“We converted some of our ‘iron’ from kinetic kinds of things we were going to use in the Cold War to support mechanisms,” General Foglesong said.

At the same time, USAFE began changing the way it positioned its forces. In the 1990s, the command had 25 main bases. Today, it has just five, and is putting more emphasis on smaller, forward-operating sites and cooperative support locations.

“Our footprint started changing about a decade and a half ago, and we actually have just continued to refine it over the last three or four years,” General Foglesong said.

These changes helped pave the way for USAFE’s transformation into a rapidly deployable expeditionary force that is playing a major role in the war on terrorism, he said.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the launch of the war on terrorism helped speed up changes already taking place throughout the command.

“It caused us all to recognize that we had to change even faster than we thought we were doing,” General Foglesong said.

Command officials beefed up intelligence and long-haul communications capabilities, and new emphasis went into supporting the movement of troops and supplies to or through Europe, he said.

“What we have to be able to do is help open up the logistics supply line (by) mechanizing our bases to accept more long-haul strategic lift that comes into the continent,” General Foglesong said. “Our ability to help with the logistics flow is enhanced by the ... fact that we’ve been able to mechanize our bases to accept, do maintenance on, refuel and then posture these aircraft to go on to wherever our combat commanders need them.”



# Incirlik Fourth of July celebration activities

Incirlik is holding a Fourth of July celebration Saturday.

Festivities start at 7:30 a.m. Arkadas Park with a five kilometer fun run and culminate with a fireworks show at 9 p.m.

The schedule of events at Arkadas Park is:

7:30 a.m. – Independence Day five kilometer fun run

10 a.m. – Three on three basketball tournament

5 p.m. – Independence Day celebration featuring:

- ♦ Private organization food and game booths



♦ Kids Zone presented by outdoor recreation and Incirlik Youth Programs

♦ Live radio broadcast from American Forces Network – Incirlik

♦ Free give-a-ways

6 p.m. – Col. Robert Suminsby, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander's Independence Day remarks

6 p.m. – Missoula Children's Theatre performance

7 p.m. – Musical entertainment

9 p.m. – Fireworks show

All Incirlik community members are welcome to attend. For more information, call 39th Services Squadron marketing at 6-8411. (Courtesy 39th Services Squadron)

## USAFE

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'home,'" said the general.

Combat Proud, one of 15 CSIPs within USAFE, was established to foster pride and productivity through the improvement of the interior and exterior of facilities and bases throughout the command.

This is the second Base Appearance Competition since the inception of the Combat Proud program in August 2003, said Capt. Todd Rupright, USAFE Combat Proud program manager.

"The competition was conducted differently this year," Captain Rupright said. "Instead of a formal Combat Proud team going to each base during a set timeframe, providing a formal in-brief, and then evaluating the base and its facilities, this year's evaluations were conducted under no-notice conditions by COMUSAFE and two Headquarters USAFE staff members.

"This allowed the USAFE commander to see each base in its normal day-to-day state," said the captain. "In essence, the no-notice evaluation showed how each base is sustaining Combat Proud."

The evaluations entailed more than judging the general appearance of each base, said Captain Rupright.

"They also looked at how well Project Welcome Mat has been incorporated," he said, referring to the subset of Combat Proud that focuses on the appearance and customer service aspect of the facilities new arrivals first encounter. "In addition the interior and exterior of the dormitories were looked at."

But, the true test came after the 'evaluators' left the bases, said the captain.

"Part of this year's evaluation was how the bases responded to the observations and areas noted as needing improvement," he said.

One thing's for sure, base leadership here and at RAF Alconbury couldn't be more proud.

"All we have to do is look around and it's apparent – military members living in the Kaiserslautern Military Community take great pride in base appearance and that pride has led to outstanding results," said

Col. Robert Kane, 86th Airlift Wing and KMC commander here.

Col. Kurtis Lohide, 435th Air Base Wing commander, and Col. Richard Weathers, 38th Combat Support Wing commander, located at Sembach Air Base, Germany couldn't agree more.

"Combat Proud is a long-term program and its effects will be felt many years down the road," Colonel Lohide said.

"From the moment a newcomer sets foot on base, it's apparent that we take pride in our people and facilities," Colonel Weathers echoed. "We couldn't be more proud of our KMC team."

Lt. Col. Jack L. Jones, 423rd Air Base Group commander, is equally proud.

"Winning a base competition once is quite an achievement," said Colonel Jones. "Being recognized in consecutive years is a phenomenal accomplishment, and a testament to our mission focus and dogged commitment to excellence. It's nice to know our headquarters recognizes the hard work we've put into Alconbury and the entire tri-base."

Under guidance provided by General Foglesong, funds received from placing first in the competition, will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services.

## 2005 USAFE Base Appearance Competition Results

Large-base winner: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Large-base runner up: Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England

Small-base winner: RAF Alconbury, England

Small-base runner up: RAF Croughton, England

Large-base self-help program winner: Ramstein AB

Small-base self-help program winner: RAF Alconbury



Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments.

The family support center is looking for volunteers to form a deployed spouse network.

For more information or to volunteer, the family support center at 6-6755.



# DOD committed to veterans' health care

By Terri Lukach

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — The Defense Department will work with the Veterans Affairs Department to help cover a shortfall in VA funds because of increased dental benefits claimed by returning veterans of the war on terrorism, a top DOD health official told Congress June 28.

"The Department of Defense is firmly committed to protecting the health of its servicemembers — before, during and after deployment — and all our other health beneficiaries," Dr. Stephen Jones said in testimony before the House subcommittee on military quality of life, veterans affairs and related agencies. Dr. Jones is principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

"DOD attempts to demobilize our reservists as soon as possible so that they can return to their families and civilian life," he said, "after ensuring that all health issues they face have been adequately addressed."

However, because health-care benefits entitle veterans either to space-available care in military dental treatment facilities or voluntary enrollment in the Tricare dental program, some reservists have made increasing use of their VA benefit entitlement, Dr. Jones said. The re-

sult has been slightly increased costs to the VA for dental care.

"At a recent hearing before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, our colleagues in the VA described a significant funding shortfall in their fiscal year 2005 health-care budget. A small portion of this shortfall, stated as (about) \$90 million, was attributed to dental care for deactivated or recently separated (reservists and guardsmen)," Dr. Jones said.

"We met with the VA staff to review this requirement and provide an independent estimate of the amount," he said. "As the result of our joint work, we believe the additional workload has resulted in a \$54 million requirement above VA's 2005 baseline."

Dr. Jones said DOD officials are investigating various transfer mechanisms between the two departments to help the VA defray the remaining increase in dental care.

"The Department of Defense is committed to taking care of its own personnel who are put into harm's way to defend our nation," he said. "We provide the best possible care for our wounded servicemembers, and have been well-supported by the Congress in acquiring sufficient resources to perform our missions. Where appropriate, and only with their coordinated cooperation, we have entered into joint ventures with the VA as a part of this process."

## *Last TSP 'open season' ends June 30*

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The restrictions of having only two open seasons each year for civilian and military members to sign up for, stop, resume or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions has ended.

Public Law 108-469 goes into effect July 1, eliminating restrictions on contribution elections that have always been tied to TSP open seasons, officials said.

The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members who are eligible to contribute to TSP in the following ways:

- ♦ Gives people more flexibility in managing their TSP contribution amounts depending on their personal situations.
- ♦ Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year (based on pay periods) and servicemembers 24 per year.
- ♦ Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1 will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

"What hasn't changed is the contribution limits set for 2005," said Janet Thomas of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and entitlement service team here.

Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they are currently under for 2005 — Civil Service Retirement System, 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

The law eliminating open seasons does not eliminate the waiting period that newly hired or rehired FERS employees not previously eligible must serve before they can begin to receive agency contributions. Participants who make an in-service financial hardship withdrawal may not make TSP contribution elections for a six-month period following the withdrawal.

"As a reminder, Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make TSP contribution elections via the (Benefits and Entitlements Service Team) automated phone system or the Employee Benefits Information System," Ms. Thomas said.

Instructions on how to access the BEST automated Web and phone system is available online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/automated.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/automated.htm).

Information on enrollment in TSP is available online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm). Civilian TSP information is at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm).

Information on the overall TSP is also available at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).



Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity.

People can take part by keeping their office and building grounds clean and well maintained.

For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail [combatproud@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:combatproud@incirlik.af.mil)

# Advisor for values, vision helps integrate core values into AF life

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have created a new adviser position to help ensure the Air Force's core values are integrated into all aspects of the service's operating concepts, policies and vision.

Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, former national director of the Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, was named special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force and to the chief of staff for values and vision June 24.

Rabbi Resnicoff began work Monday and will report directly to the secretary, but will also advise the Air Force chief of staff.

In his new position, Rabbi Resnicoff's immediate focus will be to advise Michael Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, on how best to implement the recommendations from the Headquarters Review Group and the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces regarding the religious climate at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The academy recently underwent review by a group sent by Mr. Dominguez to investigate allegations of religious intolerance. The group produced a report that made recommendations on how to improve the climate at the school. Mr. Dominguez said Rabbi Resnicoff is the right person to help implement those recommendations and to help the Air Force ensure core values are present throughout the service.

"Rabbi Resnicoff is the right person at the right time," Mr. Dominguez said. "His unique combination of military service and interfaith experience, combined with being a recognized authority on ethics and values, make him uniquely suited to help us as we strengthen and reaffirm our commitment to our Air Force core values."

The rabbi will have the additional responsibility of reviewing Air Force values-based programs, initiatives, policies and doctrine. These include anything related to character development or the building of Air Force leaders, honor codes, military and civilian equal opportunity programs and military ethics. He will be responsible for ensuring these programs are on the same "sheet of music" as Air Force core values.

Rabbi Resnicoff, a retired Navy captain, began his military career on the rivers of Vietnam's Mekong Delta and retired while assigned as command chaplain for U.S. European Command.

He is one of a small group of Vietnam veterans who helped create the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, based on the vision that the time had come "To Heal the Nation." He delivered the closing prayer at its dedication.

The rabbi is active with many organizations and is on the board of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. His numerous honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Chapel of Four Chaplains Hall of Heroes Gold Medallion.

The Air Force adviser position was created under the Department of Defense's Highly Qualified Experts Program, first unveiled in March 2004. The program allows the department to use as many as 2,500 people who are characterized as "highly qualified experts" — those individuals possessing uncommon, special knowledge or skills in a particular occupational field and who are regarded by others as an authority or practitioner of unusual competence and skill.

Individuals hired under the program would not perform ongoing DOD work, but would satisfy emerging and relatively short-term, nonpermanent requirements.



Project CHEER focuses on creating a positive atmosphere by offering unaccompanied Airmen opportunities to participate in trips, tournaments, classes, giveaways and community service events.

## IN THE NEWS

### Sultan's Inn closure

The Sultan's Inn Dining Facility will close at 8 a.m. after breakfast July 6 until 4:30 a.m. July 9 for hood and exhaust system cleaning. For more information, call Andrew Pastula at 6-6016.

### AFIT opportunity

For non-rated lieutenants and captains, the National Reconnaissance Office is soliciting candidates for advanced education opportunities. Seventeen positions are being offered. For more information, call Frank DiNatale at 6-3211.

### Check cashing limit

Until further notice the finance check cashing limit is \$500 per week. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tina Bennett at 6-3204.

### Sports physicals

Appointments are available in the pediatric clinic every Thursday afternoon, except the third Thursday of every month, through the end of August. For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-6173 or 6-6174.

### Mosquito fogging

The 39th Civil Engineering Squadron will fog for mosquitoes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at "dusk" through the summer months. People should not walk, ride, run stay or follow behind the chemical fog vehicle. For more information, call Orhan Bayik at 6-6123 or Edwin Spalding at 6-6762.

### TDY travel vouchers

Personnel going TDY for 45 days or more must bring a copy of their travel orders to finance customer service. For more information call 6-6306 or e-mail 39cpts.customerservice@incirlik.af.mil.

### Vehicle inspections

A car needs to have a safety inspection every two years and a van, truck or sport utility vehicle must have a safety inspection every year. Emissions tests are conducted every year for all vehicles. For more information call pass and identification at 6-6617.





## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

### Call to prayer

**Question:** I hear chanting coming from the loudspeakers on the towers of mosques. What are they saying? Also, after hearing it so many times, I almost memorized its tune. But from time to time, a different tune is chanted and a normal speech is made afterwards. What is said then?

**Response:** The chanting from the loudspeakers on mosque towers, called minarets, is called *ezan*. It is the call to the Muslims for prayer. It is the public announcement to tell them it is time to pray.

The man who makes the call to prayer is called *muezzin*. The muezzin climbs up to the balcony of the minaret five times a day just before prayer times. While chanting, the muezzin tours the balcony so that he calls in four directions.

Thanks to today's technology, instead of climbing up the minaret and touring the balcony, a microphone and loudspeakers makes the muezzin's job easier and more affective.

Normally the Sabanci Mosque in Adana needs 16 muezzins, because the first four minarets have 3 balconies each and the other two minarets have two balconies each, during every prayer time. But a recorded prayer serves the purpose. Some cities have centralized prayer call system. All the mosques are connected to each other and the prayer call is made from one place at the same center.

The prayer call is chanted in Arabic, not Turkish. The call has been the same since the beginning of Islam and is chanted the same way in all Moslem countries.

The translation of the call is:

*God is the most great!*

*I testify there is no God but Allah.*

*I testify that Mohammed is the messenger of Allah.*

*Come to prayer;*

*Come to salvation;*

*God is the most great!*

*There is no God, but Allah.*

Only during the morning prayer call an additional sentence is chanted as well which states "Praying is better (pleases God more) than sleeping."



File photo

The mosque in Adana would require 16 muezzins because the first four of its six minarets have three balconies. With today's technology only one is required to perform the call to prayer for the five times a day Muslims pray.

The different tune chanted from time to time is not the prayer call, but some verses from Koran, the Holy book of Islam, and the normal speech is the announcement of a death in the community. Thus, the loudspeakers of the mosque are used for public announcements of the death and memorial service which should be held within 24 hours under normal conditions, mostly after the noon prayer.

### Prayer times

**Question:** I have been hearing the "call to prayer at odd hours of the day, like 4:30 a.m. and 10 p.m., why those times? What is the frequency and are there times in which it is more likely to be heard?

**Response:** According to Islam, Moslems should pray five times a day; morning, noon, after noon, evening and night prayers. The time of the prayers is announced to the believers by the *muezzin*, caller to prayer, from the minarets, towers of mosque, right before the prayer.

The times of prayer are determined according to the local times of sun rise and sun set and the time of the year. Prayer times are also printed in almost every paper for every city. For instance the prayer times for Adana for Monday, June 27 were 5:14 a.m., 12:49

p.m., 4:38 p.m., 8:11 p.m. and 9:49 p.m. Of course, in winter, the morning prayer will be later and the evening and night prayers will be earlier.

Again, depending on the location, east-west-north-south, those times vary. For instance, while the morning prayer is at 5:14 a.m. in Adana, it is at 5:27 a.m. in Istanbul for the same day and 4:52 a.m. in Diyarbakir. The night prayer is 9:49 p.m. in Adana, 10:41 p.m. in Istanbul and 9:35 p.m. in Diyarbakir.

## In Turkish

**namaz - prayer**  
(nah - mahz)

**sabah - morning**  
(sah - bakh)

**ogle - noon**  
(oe - leh)

**aksam - evening**  
(akh - shahm)

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.*

# Airmen train to wear scarlet beret

By Lisa Terry McKeown  
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) — Every service in the military has its elite force. The Army has green berets and the Navy has SEALs. In the Air Force, the tip of the spear lies with combat controllers.

Out of the 19,000 Air Force Special Operations Command Airmen, only 375 can claim the coveted title of combat controller.

They are certified air traffic controllers who connect ground forces to their Air Force counterparts any time, any place and under any conditions.

“It’s a unique individual (who) has the aptitude and the desire to be a combat controller,” said Senior Master Sgt. Marshall, Combat Control School commandant. His last name, as well as other combat controllers’ last names, were not released. “It’s a mentality and a lifestyle that lasts throughout your career.”

Becoming a combat controller is no easy task. Airmen are pushed to their limits as they undergo at least two years of rigorous training. About 45 percent of those who begin the training pipeline never finish it. Even those who earn the right to wear the scarlet beret after successfully completing Combat Control School have no guarantee that they will endure the year of advanced skills training that follows graduation.



Instructors help students prepare for their final Combat Control School static-line jump as part of a field exercise at Camp MacKall, N.C. All students must meet rigorous standards to graduate the course and earn the right to wear the scarlet beret.



Photos by Lisa Terry McKeown

Combat Control School students practice pulling security during a field exercise at Camp MacKall, N.C. All students must meet rigorous standards to graduate the course and earn the right to wear the scarlet beret.

Instructors look for Airmen who excel physically, academically and can multitask under pressure and while fatigued.

“Most people think that special operations is just about going in on covert missions and killing things,” said Tech. Sgt. Michael, an instructor. “Controllers have to think outside of the box. They have to interlock the air and ground personnel as well as get to the fight, and a lot of times they are the only controller within a team of other special operations forces.”

At the school, instructors, who are also combat controllers, pull the skills the students have learned from other courses and tie them together with tactics. They take book-learning and turn it into reality through practical applications like field exercises.

“These days there’s not a lot of time to grow up in a team and prepare for real-world operations,” Sergeant Marshall said. “We have to make sure that when these men come out of their training as 5-level combat controllers, they are prepared to step out on real-world missions. Within six months of finishing everything, there’s a good chance they’ll be in the field on the job.”

As a reminder of where they have come from, the Combat Control School displays their history in Heritage Hall. The room houses a Vietnam-era uniform, a bullet-ridden door from Mogadishu, Somalia, a weapon from the battle of Roberts Ridge in Afghanistan, and numerous photos of controllers gone before. Silver Stars and a Distinguished Flying Cross line the hallway as a reminder of their “brothers” who have paved the way for the students now in training.

“We’re a brotherhood,” said Staff Sgt. William, another instructor. “Earning the scarlet beret isn’t half what it takes to keep it. It’s a lot to live up to, but it’s an honor to do it.”

“It’s amazing when you see how just a few guys can (affect) national-level objectives,” Sergeant Marshall said. “You don’t often hear about what we do, but controllers are out there every day. They’re taking the fight to the enemy and bringing our men home.”

For more information about becoming a combat controller, Airmen can call the 720th Special Tactics Group at DSN 579-4249 or commercial (850) 884-4249. They can also contact the AFSOC’s public affairs office at DSN 579-5515 or commercial (850) 884-5515.



# THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

## Fourth of July meal

The meal is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Sultan's Inn Dining Facility. A customer appreciation meal is from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 28. For more information, call 6-6016.

## School hours

The elementary school office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Aug. 5. For more information, call 6-6449.

## Golf events

A two person throw-out outing is 8 a.m. July 16. Entry fee is \$10. Couples scramble is 4:30 p.m., July 24. Entry fee is \$5. The Wilson Handicap outing is 8 a.m., July 30. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 6-8995.

## Swimming pool

Pool passes are on sale at the pool. Individual passes are \$30 per month and \$100 for the year. Family passes are \$40 per month and \$135 for the year. Aqua aerobics passes are \$30 per month. Day passes are \$2 for ages 1 to 12 years old and \$2.50 for those older than 12. For more information, call the pool at 6-3442.

## Stars and Strikes

People can go to the Magic Carpet Bowling Center and participate in the stars and strikes program for a chance to win prizes until Aug. 14. For more information, call 6-6789.

## Family learning

Department of Defense Education Activity is sponsoring a Summer Family Learning Web page. Links provided on lead to a number of Web sites for students and parents. For more information, go to [www.dodea.edu/instruction/cirriculum/SummerLearning](http://www.dodea.edu/instruction/cirriculum/SummerLearning).

## Women's Soccer

The base women's soccer team meets 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the high school soccer field. The team is looking for an assistant coach. For more information, call Stephanie Moore at 6-6810.

## American Independence



**By Capt. Tony Wickman**  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. Prod
4. Inter
8. Army enlisted rank, in brief
11. Exploit
12. Fencing sword
13. First wife of Jacob
15. Props placed at end of a row of books
17. Shared
19. Airport code for SHAPE city
20. California city
21. Airport code for Taj Mahal city
22. Shoulder \_\_\_\_; gesture of doubt
26. Cordon entryway, in short
27. Angie Everheart and others
29. \_\_\_\_-Magnon
30. American Revolution soldier \_\_\_\_ Allen
31. Saga
32. Open slightly
35. Journey
36. Foreshadow
37. Hawkeye state denizen
41. Greek letter
42. Boston \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, American Revolution event
46. Lair
47. Overeat
48. Wisconsin city \_\_\_\_ Claire
49. Tropical fruit
52. Alphabet starters
53. *The Jefferson's* \_\_\_\_ Sanford; "Weezie"
54. British law that provoked rebellion in American colonies
59. Band instrument
60. British loyalist during American Revolution
61. Field movie *Norma* \_\_\_\_
62. \_\_\_\_ Vegas, N.V.
63. Writer Bombeck
64. Mil. phone system

### DOWN

1. Name
2. 2+ atoms having same mass but different numbers
3. Commander-in-Chief Washington, during American Revolution
4. Bonnet denizen
5. CBS, NBC competitor
6. \_\_\_\_ Coat; British soldier during American Revolution
7. Affirmative
8. Smear
9. Gala
10. Dialogue
14. American Revolution leader and politician John \_\_\_\_
16. Northern Iraq agricultural people
17. Making a product, in short
18. Snip
22. Solidify, as in concrete
23. Express triumph
24. Vitamin intake chart on food packing, in short
25. DoD branch
28. Right now
29. Lifesaving action, in short
31. Sicilian mount
32. Even
33. American Revolution sailor \_\_\_\_ Jones
34. Commotion
37. Simpson trial judge
38. USA equivalent to OPR
39. Jester
40. Mock
43. Harvest
44. Coat-of-Arms tunic
45. Spanish bayonet and Joshua tree
46. Ink jet printer production, in short
47. Female friend
50. 70s Swedish disco group
51. Yes votes
54. Sault \_\_\_\_ Marie, M.I.
55. Rocky peak
56. Limb
57. R&B singer Harrison
58. X, to Caesar



**For sale:** A yard sale is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at 2961B Kastamonu Ct. in Phantom housing. Items for sale include baby and children's clothes toys and books and other items. For more information, call Stephanie at 6-2357.

**For sale:** Hitachi 29 inch multi system television and Digiturk satellite dish. \$400 for both. Will sell separately. For more information, call 6-2283.

**For Sale:** Sectional sofa navy blue with additional multicolor cushions. Asking \$200 O.B.O. For more information, call 6-2565.





Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

## Swim for fitness

Dawn Gravette, an Incirlik family member, participates in a water Aerobics class Wednesday. The classes are held Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays at the base pool. The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call the pool at 6-3442.

## COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

### Project Wizard

The library is accepting photos of castles for their **photo contest**. Photos can be of any castle anywhere. All ages are welcome to enter the contest. The deadline is Aug. 31. For more information, call 6-6759.

### Combat Touch happenings

The **Crossroads Cafe** opens at 7 p.m. Fridays for people over 18 years of age and 6 p.m. Saturdays for all ages. For information, call 6-6441.

**Mid-week Bible Study** is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

**Hours** for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

#### Protestant:

11:15 a.m. – Combined worship service in the chapel sanctuary. There is only one protestant service this week.

#### Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehova's Witness. For these and any other faiths, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**4:30 p.m. - Star Wars: Episode III- Revenge of the Sith (PG-13)(1st Run)** – Starring Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen. Three years after the battle of Geonosis, the Clone wars are coming to a close. Obi – Wan Kenobi, now a general dispatched by the republic to bring down Count Dooku and General Grievous. Chancellor Palpatine has become corrupt and with Anakin Skywalker, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire. Anakin becomes evil Darth Vader and at the end of one war another conflict begins. (146 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – House of Wax (R)(1st Run)** – Starring Elisha Cuthbert and Chad Michael Murray. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. Now the group must find out before they become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax. (115 minutes)

#### Saturday

**4 p.m. – Star Wars: Episode III- Revenge of the Sith (PG-13)(1st Run)** – Starring Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen. (146 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – King's Ransom (PG-13) - Star-**

**ring Anthony Anderson and Leila Arcieri.** Malcolm is a wealthy and arrogant businessman whose soon to be ex- wife has plans to take him for everything he's worth in their divorce settlement. Malcolm plans his own kidnapping with the help of his mistress and her ex-con brother. (95 minutes)

**9 p.m. – The upside of Anger (R) - Star-** ring Joan Allen and Kevin Costner. Terry is left to raise her four headstrong daughters when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Things get even more hectic when she falls for her neighbor Denny. (118 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Sahara (PG-13) - Starring Mat-** thew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz. Master explorer Dirk takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of North Africa. (120 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**Crash (R) - 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (100 minutes)**

**Unleashed (R) - 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (122 minutes)**

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at [www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr](http://www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.